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SUBJECT: GOVERNOR AND MAYOR'S VISIT TO SAN JUAN AND MIAMI

REF (A) SAN SALVADOR 1586, (B) STATE 082576

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES EFFORTS TO DATE TO ARRANGE APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS FOR GOVERNOR GARCIA PRIETO AND HIS WIFE, THE MAYOR-ELECT.

2. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE GARCIA PRIETO'S EXACT TRAVEL PLANS:
SATURDAY, APRIL 10 -DEPART SAN SALVADOR VIA IBERIA FLIGHT 944;
ARRIVE SAN PUERTO RICO 1655 HOURS. STAY AT THE DUTCH INN
HOTEL, 55 AVE CONDADO, SAN JUAN APRIL 10 THROUGH 15.
THURSDAY, APRIL 15 - DEPART SAN JUAN VIA EASTERN FLIGHT 958;
ARRIVE MIAMI 1040 HOURS. STAY AT FOUR AMBASSADORS HOTEL,
APRIL 15 - APRIL 23.

3. BIO INFO ON BOTH THE GOVERNOR AND HIS WIFE IS SCANT. THEY ARE IN THEIR MID-THIRTIES, HE IS 36, SHE 34. THEY ARE ATTRACTIVE MEMBERS OF TWO OF THE WEALTHIER AGRICULTURAL FAMILIES OF SAN MIGUEL DEPARTMENT. BEFORE BEING APPOINTED GOVERNOR IN 1972, GARCIA PRIETO DEVOTED HIMSELF TO HIS FAMILY LAND INTERESTS, MOSTLY COTTON. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL BANK BOARD OF DIRECTORS. HIS WIFE'S FAMILY, ALSO IN SAN MIGUEL, ARE IN COTTON AND CATTLE. NEITHER THE GOVERNOR NOR THE MAYOR-ELECT HAVE STUDIED ABROAD OR SPEAK ENGLISH. THEY HAVE 3 CHILDREN.

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4. AS DESCRIBED IN REF A, THE PRIME INTEREST OF THE GARCIA

PRIETOS IS IN OBSERVING MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT PROCESSES. THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION ASPECTS ARE IMPORTANT, BUT SECONDARY.

5. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS BEEN CONTACTED AND SAID IT WILL NOTIFY THE RESPECTIVE CONSULATES OF THE GOVERNOR AND MAYOR'S VISIT. THE GARCIA PRIETOS WILL BE ASKED TO CONTACT THE SAN JUAN AND MIAMI CONSULATES ON ARRIVAL.

6. THE EMBASSY ALSO CONTACTED LUIS AGARIT, UNDERSECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR PUERTO RICO, AND GAVE HIM THE GARCIA PRIETO TRAVEL PLANS. HE ASKED THAT THE INFORMATION BE REPEATED TO HIM BY CABLE. PLEASE PASS PARAS 2 AND 3 TO AGARIT ASAP.

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